



Ancient judges' ceremony is lost to the county town

THE tradition of the annual autumn Judges' Service in Dorchester has been lost to the county town and this year is likely to be held in Christchurch.

Last year the service was held in Sherborne Abbey. Local councillor Alistair Chisholm has said he was surprised to discover that the cost was met from the

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pocket of the High Sheriff. The service, at St Peter's Church, accompanied by a walk to the Crown Court dates back to the days of the opening of the quarter sessions and Judge Jeffrey. Traditionally a senior, or 'red' judge, leads the procession carrying a nosegay of flowers as a reminder of

the days of plague.

Last year the autumn service was cancelled to save money.

Mr Chisholm, a West Dorset councillor, had written to the Under Sheriff for Dorset to express his concern and intends to raise the issue with the Dorchester Association

and the town council.

"An opportunity should be given to all those interested in such matters to try and find alternative ways of retaining it," said Mr Chisholm at the time.

High Sheriff, Jeremy Pope, has now told Mr Chisholm that he takes responsibility for moving away from the Court Ceremonial in Dorchester – saying he felt it no longer appropriate now that the Assize Court is no longer held in the County Town.

He says that, in hard economic times, it did not set a good example for a small number of judges to hold up the traffic in High West Street, not to mention the disruption caused to the court lists.

Ancient post

"The cost of all this fell exclusively to the High Sheriff, without any support from the public purse."

"He cites the ceremony and its cost as one of the reasons why it had become increasingly difficult to attract nominees for the post of High Sheriff and has himself set up a fund to help future post holders, something which he hopes will attract more to stand for the ancient post.

The move has been welcomed by Mr Chisholm:

"I totally endorse the opening up of the historic role of High Sheriff to a



■ **ALISTAIR CHISOLM:**
 "We must find an alternative way"



■ **JEREMY POPE:** "No longer appropriate for Dorchester"

wider group within the Dorset community. However I would like to see Dorchester, as the county and historic Assize town, exploring different ways in which it might hope to retain this centuries-old tradition within its calendar of major events."

Mr Pope's decision means that Dorchester has now lost the annual tradition, although, as he points out, there is nothing to stop the service returning to the county town in the future.

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IN March 2011, young architectural consultant Jim Larcombe decided to go it alone and set up his own business.

Despite doing so in the middle of a recession, his Lyme Regis-based company, named Jim Larcombe Architectural Consultant, has gone from strength to strength and he has just opened a new office having previously worked from home. Jim, 22, was born and bred in Lyme Regis, attending the Woodroffe School before gaining an ONC and HNC in Building Studies at Exeter College.

● **WHY did you decide to set up your own business?**

The idea of setting up my own business has always appealed to me and, with plenty of local contacts through Lyme Regis Football Club and friends of the family, I gradually started picking up private work. People thought I was mad setting up a business in the middle of a recession but I always had plenty of support and it has certainly paid off. To date, I have taken on over 120 projects in slightly under two years. I currently have free-lance help from an RIBA registered architect, a couple of architectural technicians and some office help - business is booming!

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● **WHAT would your ideal architectural job be?**

I would love to get my hands on a new housing estate and design some contemporary new builds rather than your traditional pitched roof, uninspiring new builds that are so common these days. We are so fortunate to be in an area with fantastic countryside and coastal views that need to be maximised.

● **HOW do you hope to expand your business in the future?**



Within the next five years I am hoping to open another office, not far from Lyme Regis, and try to maximise the current workflow. This will not only establish the business outside of Lyme Regis but also provide more jobs for local people, which is something I am all for.

● **TELL us about the Upkyme school project you're involved in...**

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I have been quite fortunate to help Mrs Ethelston's Primary School in Upkyme try to obtain planning permission for a new school. I approached a team of volunteers in May 2011 with a view to help in whatever capacity. It was early days of being self-employed and I wanted to try and integrate myself into projects going on in the local area. I was later appointed along with three other consultants to assist the school on an outline planning application, which was successful. The school had been trying to obtain permission on this site for around 25 years and to be part of a team that helped to achieve this gave me great satisfaction.

● **WHAT do you like about living in Lyme Regis?**

I have a great passion for the town and it gives me great pleasure to have an office in Lyme and I'm fortunate to still be able to live here. I love the fact that you are no more than a 10-minute walk to the seafront, although the walk back up the hill isn't so enjoyable!

● **WHAT would you add to the area if you could?**

The town is crying out for low-cost housing. It is extremely hard to be able to work in the town and afford to buy a house here. I am willing to help any potential developers who would be interested in trying to provide this option to first-time buyers. Also, having moved into my new office three weeks ago in Church Street and seeing near miss after near miss right outside my window, it would be nice to see a one-way system put in place, or traffic lights to be installed further up the road towards the London Inn.

● **WHAT are your personal interests?**

I'm a member of Lyme Regis Football Club and it is something that I am only too happy to help out with in whatever way possible. I have been involved with the club since I was four years old. If you haven't been up there, I strongly recommend giving it a try. I was fortunate to be able to help out when it came to building new changing facilities and I designed the extension. Granted, the building isn't the most aesthetically pleasing in the world now but it provides the additional space required. It's something the whole club should be very proud of.

● **WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?**

Obviously I would build my own house, it's a dream that I hope comes true one day. I would also invest in new premises for the business and attempt to create as many new jobs within the town as possible. I would make sure that the football club was financially sound and would donate money to both Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation.

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Anger over refusal to hold public meeting into Came View housing

A CAMPAIGN has started to oppose land off Dorchester bypass and the Broadmayne Road being earmarked for development.

As previously reported in *View from Dorchester* around 1,000 homes could eventually be built if the site is agreed in the district local plan.

Objectors say they are angry that West Dorset District Council has refused to arrange a special meeting to discuss the proposals – and are calling for those opposed to the proposals to make their views known to the authority by March 4th.

“The council has refused requests for a public meeting from, among others, members of the Local Parish Council, indicating that the Drop In Session is adequate. This is unfair, inappropriate and ... does not provide an adequate forum for the residents of Dorchester and the surrounding areas to voice their views,” said a spokesperson for the objectors group.

The group is asking people to attend the drop-in session at the new district council offices.

South Walks House on Wednesday, February 27th, between 1pm and 7pm and to write to The Spatial and

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www.dorsetforyou.com/newlocalplan/west/weymouth

“The residents of Dorchester have always been guaranteed that there will be no new building approved south of the Dorchester Bypass to safeguard the rural setting of the town.

Flawed impact

“The council’s impact assessment significantly underestimates the harm that the development would cause to nationally important heritage sites, the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the natural environment and the setting of Dorchester. The council’s flawed impact assessment conflicts with national planning policies set out in the Government’s National Planning Policy Framework,” said the group.

The protestors also say that Came View forms part of an important national heritage area with the rural views which inspired Dorchester’s internationally famous writers Thomas Hardy and William Barnes likely to be lost forever.

Other concerns include road access which would add to congestion and the fact that the area is prone to flood-



■ Allotments seen from Came View which could be earmarked for housing.

ing. We believe that this is a politically convenient reaction to the reduced housing allocations in Sherborne and Crossways. The proposal is technically unsound, and has been “dumped” onto Dorchester without adequate consultation. We believe that the council has cynically adopted an unreasonable, minimal and very tight consultation period in Dorchester in order that there is very little time for people to raise objections. They think that this will be the route of “minimum resistance” to meet their housing targets in Dorset.

“Please help to prove them wrong – planning is for people, not for Councils.”

A Save Came View Facebook page has also been set up to fight the proposal

County make big cuts but still protect the vulnerable

COUNTY councillors have pledged to “protect vulnerable people, support communities and grow the local economy” – despite agreeing savings of £19.5million in the coming year.

ber-stamped the cuts, together with a council tax freeze – the third year in a row.

In his annual budget speech council leader Angus Campbell said that, although substantial savings had already been made, there was still a great deal more to find: He said the county had already delivered £43 million in savings over the last two years and suffered the loss of 525 full-time equivalent posts.

“However, there is a great deal more to save, as we must find at least £90 million by 2015/16,” he said. One of the pinch areas identified is adult social care with a growing elderly population: “Demand on services for the elderly and people with disabilities continues to grow, and is reflected in the increasing pressure on the council’s community care budget.

“Taking a more ‘commercial’ approach to some services and offering community groups to run others may help preserve them, but it will not produce significant financial savings. We must, therefore, look for changes in the way we deliver services – both as commissioner and provider – with

greater emphasis on facilitating self-help and independence.”

The council will look to make savings by working with organisations, such as the NHS, which includes plans to provide more short-term residential care placements, so that older people are given a chance to return to their own homes after hospital admissions.

There are also plans to help people with learning disabilities live more independently through supported accommodation rather than living in residential homes – but this decision is likely to result of the closure of Douglas Jackman House in Dorchester and another in Weymouth.

Faster broadband

Other areas where savings will be made include support to schools, passenger transport, museums, road safety and children’s services.

But despite the cuts Cllr Campbell says there will also be growth – over the next three years more than £222 million will be invested in building and infrastructure projects, including replacing Puddletown CE VC First School, providing super-fast broadband across rural



■ RETIRING - council leader Angus Campbell

Dorset and re-signalling of the Wareham to Swanage branch line.

Other projects include essential works on the Beaminster Tunnel, completion of the Purbeck schools reorganisation and a new hub for adult social care services in Bridport. “These projects represent a great deal of investment in Dorset for the future benefit of residents, businesses and life chances of our young people,” said Cllr Campbell.

At the end of the meeting, the council leader revealed that he would not be standing for the upcoming Dorset County Council election in May. He first joined the county council in 1989 for four years, was re-elected in 2001 and became leader of the authority in 2006.

DORCHESTER news briefs

Call to take action against dog owners

WEST Dorset District Council is being asked to take action against irresponsible dog owners in Dorchester.

Town councillor David Taylor says despite pleas for owners to clear up after their pets the situation is getting worse.

He points out that by not clearing up owners are committing an offence and, if caught, could be prosecuted. Amongst the worst hit areas is the riverside walk, an area frequently used by young families and older people out walking.

Councillor Taylor is now calling on the district council to use their powers and, if necessary, issue fines.

Good news group

A GOOD News home group is held every Tuesday evening at Crossways Court, Bingham Road in Crossways.

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Do you remember the Portland spy ring



DEBBIE Hughes landlady of the Elm Tree Inn where the spies used to meet

PORTLAND'S famous spy ring will be the centre of conversation when a special evening is held at the pub where they used to meet, the Elm Tree at Langton Herring.

Harry Houghton, a clerk at the Admiralty Underwater Weapons Establishment at Portland, and his mistress Ethel Gee regularly used the pub.

They often passed packages of secret information on to Gordon Lonsdale, a "businessman" from London, who, in turn, passed it on to spies Peter and Helen Kroger who lived at Ruislip and who posed as antiquarian booksellers.

A mole revealed that the Russians were getting information from the AUWE and suspicion fell on Houghton, whose free-spending lifestyle was far above his salary.

M15 put him and Gee under surveillance which led to Lonsdale who, in turn, was watched which led

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to the Krogers.

All were arrested and tried in 1961, Houghton and Gee getting 15 years in prison. They were released in 1970 and married in 1971. Houghton died at Poole in 1985.

The Krogers got 20 years each and mastermind Lonsdale 25 years. He was exchanged with the Russians for British spy Greville Wynne in 1964. Houghton and Gee became part of local folklore and Elm Tree landlady Debbie Hughes said she hopes to hold a special evening to highlight the pub's spy connection.

She said: "So many people are interested in the spy ring and come here to visit because of the pub's connection with it."

"Houghton and Gee used to sit here near the fire, get drunk, spend a lot

of money and get very, very loud – hardly the actions of people passing on secrets!

"A lot of people who were colleagues of the three used to see them in the Elm Tree without knowing what they were doing."

"Nowadays we get a lot of visitors coming into the pub, reading our framed stories about the spy ring and asking questions."

"I decided that, with so much interest, it would be a great idea to get together some of those who knew Houghton and Gee, worked with them or were connected in some way with the incidents of the time."

If all goes well then the evening will be held in a few months time.

Debbie said: "We are particularly interested in welcoming people with any memorabilia of the time from newspapers and magazines to books which they could bring along on the night for everyone to look at."

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Sleeping beauty is a big hit



■ SCENES from this year's Crossways pantomime, *Sleepin Beauty*.
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■ OH YES there is – a whole host of pantos and shows taking place in and around Dorchester in the coming days.

In the county town itself a new twist on the story of Robin Hood takes to the United Church Hall stage from tonight, Thursday 21st, until Saturday 23rd, with evening performances at 7pm and a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.

Alongside the traditional tale runs an eco-theme about the importance of trees and our forests, with the audience being given a free sapling to take home and plant. All proceeds this year will be given to the charity Tree Aid.

Ticket cost £4 for adults, children £2.50 with the option of buying a family ticket (2 adults with up to 3

children) for £12. Tickets are available from the United Church Hall Gallery shop in Charles Street (opposite the new council/library building).

Also taking place in Dorchester in the coming days is Miracle Theatre's musical version of Frankenstein at the Corn Exchange on Friday, February 22nd and Saturday 23rd.

Tickets are £12/£10 for members £8 concessions/£30 family ticket and are available from Dorchester Arts on 01305 266926.

At Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall a cast of talented amateurs perform Fiddler on the Roof from Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd, evening performances at 7pm with a Saturday matinee at 2pm.

Tickets are available from Piddletrenthide Post Office and Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Newton. They cost £8 for adults, £7 for under 16s. The price includes refreshments.

In Broadmayne the Players will be performing Dick Turpin in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd with tickets available from the Village Stores at £5.

Frampton Footlights bring Dick Whittington to the stage at the village hall on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

Tickets for the performance can be bought in advance from both Frampton and Long Ash garages.

CROSSWAYS Pantomimers' production of "Sleeping Beauty" proved to be a hugely enjoyable experience.

Over 200 people attended the three performances which offered traditional pantomime filled with audience participation.

As well as the usual 'panto humour', the comic duo Needles & Pins (Tarran Payne and Joe Gibson) delighted everyone with their near-perfect rendition of the old cleaning the mirror gag. Also achieving a huge round of applause was the director's use of UV lighting when scissors seemingly floated through the air to destroy Princess Aurora's birthday dress.

Co-author, Tony Whittingham said: "Special thanks should go not only to the cast but also to all those who helped backstage and front of house, without that willing band of workers this pantomime could never have been staged".

At the end of the Saturday evening performance flowers were presented to Tricia Richardson (director), Jane Jenkins (musical director and accompanist) and Jane Duncombe (costumes).

Proceeds from this year's pantomime will go towards remedial work in the changing rooms and providing some new backdrops.

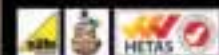
The Crossways Pantomimers are already looking forward to staging a show in 2014 and will soon be holding a meeting to decide upon a script.

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Poetry and cream tea

A POETRY and Cream Tea event is being held in Dorchester this Sunday, 24th.

The South Dorset Local Exchange Trading System (LETS) are staging the event at 3 pm in the upstairs room of The Old Tea House in High West Street.

The event is for members of LETS as well as the general public, and offers everyone the opportunity to enjoy sharing poems over a cream tea. For non-members, it is also the chance to find out more about the LETS scheme.

LETS is a local exchange trading system which enables people to swap goods and services without using money. It covers Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland and surrounding villages. The Dorchester scheme has been going for 19 years now, and uses its own currency known as 'Marts'. The scheme makes it possible for people to use services they may not otherwise be able to afford.

LETS member Jenny Eddison says, "LETS greatly widens lists of friends and 'neighbours' that can be called on in case of need. Dorchester and South Dorset LETS has 65 members currently and new people are always welcome. The scheme is thriving, with now over 400 LETS systems in the UK."

The poetry session will be supported by LETS member Louisa Adjoa Parker, who is a local writer and poet. People are asked to bring a poem to share (their own or a favourite by another poet). Themes will be of love, family and relationships.

If you would like to book a place please contact Sally Cooke by email: salcooke1@gmail.com or Tel: 01305 267 758

Or you can just turn up! The cost is 2 MARTS to LETS members, £2 to non-members, plus the cost of your tea.

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Pampering Ladies Day will raise funds for hospicecare

A NURSE at Weldmar Hospicecare has organised a Ladies Day fundraiser the day before Mothering Sunday.

The event will be held on Saturday 9th March 2013 from 11am to 4pm in the day centre at Joseph Weld Hospice in Herrington Road, Dorchester. It has been organised by Rose Elliott, one of the Sisters at the in-patient unit.

The day will feature a number of stalls, including The Body Shop, Pampered Chef, Phoenix Cards, hand bags, hats, jewellery, raffle, cupcakes and refreshments. Also on offer will be mini manicures and students from Weymouth College will be offering a range of treatments. Entrance to the event is just 50p.

Rose said, "I arranged the Ladies Day on the day before Mothering Sunday as a celebration of being female, a time to recognise how hard we all work and to treat ourselves at the same time as helping Weldmar. I see this reflected in the Nursing Team every day, all working hard as well as running homes and nurturing families."

"I have worked for Weldmar for 12 years and I am passionate about the delivery of high standards of care. I am keen that Weldmar not only endures but prospers, to enable me and my colleagues to continue working hard for local people."

For more information about the event, call the Fundraising Office on 01305 261800.



■ **LADIES DAY** organiser Rose Elliott



■ **JULIAN** Fellowes who will be speaking at Puddletown St Mary's School on March 15th

Secrets of TV success

ACTOR and Oscar-winning writer Julian Fellowes, creator of the Sunday ITV blockbuster Downton Abbey is coming to Puddletown to share some of the secrets of his film and television successes.

Lord Fellowes will be talking at St Mary's Middle School at 7pm on Friday, March 15th. Tickets, at £12 will include a supper from the school's kitchen. A bar and raffle will also be available.

The event is being held to support the Friends of Puddletown Library now that they have taken over the running of the village library.

Tickets are available from 3, 11 or 21 High Street or Woods Cottage, The Green, Puddletown and from 12 Trent Close, Tolpuddle.

Tickets may also be obtained from the library, during opening hours, and, in person, from the Middle School office, 8.30am-4pm.

Doors, and the bar, will open on the night at 6.30pm.

Bids invited to provide faster broadband

BIDS are being invited to bring faster broadband access to rural Dorset.

Dorset County Council is leading the £19million project which could benefit 87,000 homes and businesses.

Providers have until mid-April to bid for the work.

The county council believes the investment will create jobs as well as make access to council services quicker and easier.

Councillor Robert Gould is the council's portfolio holder for envi-

ronment said: "This week represents an important milestone for the project. We have worked closely with our partners to agree the best way to improve the access to superfast broadband for as many people in Dorset as possible."

"We are already seeing benefits in the towns where commercial providers are already upgrading their networks. But Dorset contains huge rural areas which would be left behind without this project."

"We have £9.44 million from the Government and, with our partners, are investing a further £9.44 million of local public funds."

The partners include the district and borough councils, local businesses and community groups.

Premises which do not get access to superfast broadband will get an upgrade to at least 2Mbps, with many getting much higher speeds than that. Currently one in five get just 0.5Mbps.

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Last week to get your bus pass sorted at county

THIS week is the last to contact Dorset County Council about bus passes for the coming year.

The authority is taking over responsibility for bus pass applications from district and borough councils across Dorset and is asking those whose details might have changed, including their addresses, to get in touch.

The council claims that new centralised service will provide a more consistent service across the county and give better value for money for tax payers.

The change will also mean that Dorset residents applying for an older persons or disabled persons bus pass for the first time will now be able to apply by phone, by downloading an application form online or by collecting a application form from their district or borough council, or from their local library.

Residents needing to renew their pass will be invited to reapply or automatically sent replacements through the post. The council say that if you have not been contacted, and were expecting a letter, you should now contact them. Anyone who has moved since their current pass was issued should contact their local district or borough council to update their address details before the end of February – to allow the information to get on the database by the start of the new service in April.

Apart from age qualifications concessionary passes may be available if you are blind or partially sighted; are profoundly or severely deaf; without speech;

have a disability, or have suffered an injury, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to walk. Concessions also apply to veterans of the Armed Services who have been seriously injured in service.

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■ **COMING SOON:** The Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre where Dorchester's Taste café/bistro will be opening in March

Taste bistro couple taking over Chesil Beach cafe

DORCHESTER restaurateurs' Todd and Louise Moffat are to take over the new café at the Chesil Beach Centre next month.

Todd and Louise Moffat, owners of the popular Taste café/bistro in Trinity Street, Dorchester, will be launching their new venture on March 18th at the recently rebuilt visitor and wildlife centre.

Brian Bleese, Director of Operations and Development at Dorset Wildlife Trust, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be able to announce this news...it will be the perfect complement to the Chesil Beach Centre, where wildlife lovers, visitors, cyclists and local walkers alike can enjoy good, fresh food while watching the extraordinary wildlife and views of this unique Jurassic Coast location."

Said Mrs Moffat: "We are really looking forward to working in partnership with the Dorset Wildlife Trust, whilst providing great food and service to all the centre visitors and the wider community of Weymouth and Portland."

The Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre is a partnership between Weymouth and Portland Borough Council and Dorset Wildlife Trust. The Centre is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Fine Family Foundation, Chesil Bank and the Fleet Nature Reserve, Jurassic Coast Team and Trust, Crown Estate, Court Leet of the Island and Royal Manor of Portland, Dorset County Council, Garfield Weston Foundation, the Chalk and Cheese Local Action Group and an army of volunteers from the local community.

DORCHESTER news briefs

Louds Mill centre to close for three days

DORCHESTER household recycling centre at Louds Mill will close for three days during the coming week - for essential cleaning and maintenance.

The site will be shut on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February, re-opening at 9am on Friday, March 1st.

The annual 'deep clean' consists of thorough cleansing, landscape maintenance, relining of parking bays, painting and general repairs to steps and recycling containers.

Director of the Dorset Waste Partnership Steve Burdis said: "The deep clean is part of a planned maintenance programme for all our HRCs built into our contract with operators W&S Recycling. As a result, there is no extra cost for the deep clean treatments."

"We have chosen a relatively quiet time of year and the least busy part of the week to carry out this work, minimising disruption for local people as much as possible. For practical and safety reasons we need to close the site to visitors during this period."

Police awards

POLICE officers, staff and volunteers were recognised for their exceptional contribution to Dorset Police at the Force's annual awards ceremony held in Dorchester's Dorford Centre.

The annual awards were presented to the Police Community Support Officer, Special Constable, Detective and Volunteers of the year.

Honours were also handed out for exceptional public confidence, community engagement and environmental work.

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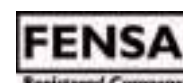
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Rotary information day

INFORMATION about the activities of Dorchester's two Rotary Clubs will be on display in South Street on Saturday (23rd).

The event is being held to mark Rotary Day worldwide and members of the two local clubs will be outside Barclays Bank displaying details about their recent projects, and providing information on Rotary, what it does, and how people can get involved.

"If you are passing do spare a few moments to find out how Rotary gets involved in the community, and contributes to it. You may be surprised to discover the extent of the work we do and the reach of our support for the elimination of polio and to world disaster areas via the Shelterbox and Water Survival Box charities," said a spokesman.

Rotary International started over a century ago and is now represented by Clubs including both men and women spread all over the world. It aims to make a difference in the community, whether that be worldwide in scope as with its major role in helping to eliminate polio throughout the world, or through clubs' support of a variety of local organisations.

For more details about Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club and its activities please contact Rowland Cornell on 01305 262054 or about Dorchester Rotary Club and its activities please contact Ian Dominy on 01305 889730.

The Casterbridge club meets weekly on Tuesday evenings and the Dorchester Rotary on Monday lunchtimes – both at the King's Arms.

Computer courses

NEW courses start at Kingston Maurward College after the half-term break.

From Monday, 25th, the college will offer a range of courses from basic computing to advanced design work.

A six-week basic guide to computing course starts on Monday, February 25th at 1.30pm. Other courses include an introduction to the iPad which lasts just three weeks, meeting on Monday afternoons at 1.30pm from March 11th.

For more experienced users the college has added Adobe InDesign, over six weeks, starting on Monday, April 22nd at 1.30pm and a single session looking at Adobe Creative Software on Monday, March 4th at 1.30pm.

Further details of the courses are available on the college website: http://www.kmc.ac.uk/kc/course_search

■ HEDGEHOG by Colin Varnell



New wildlife group in Dorchester

THE NEWLY formed Dorset Mammal Group is holding one of its inaugural meetings at Dorchester Town Hall on Wednesday, February 27th at 7.30pm.

The group has been formed for people who are interested in Dorset's wild mammals. Whether the interest is mainly scientific such as recording, surveying, specific species studies; or mainly for welfare, rescue, and protection, the Dorset Mammal Group has something to offer.

It has been formed to carry forward the work of the previous Dorset Wildlife Trust Badger and Otter groups and to extend coverage to all of Dorset's non-flying land and sea mammals.

A hedgehog is featured in the group's logo to reflect this wider remit and because it is perhaps the most striking example of how a previously common creature can be affected by our activities - it has been estimated that their numbers have been reduced by 90 per cent over the past 50 years.

The wording on the logo - 'conserve and respect' reflects the 'twin-track' philosophy of the founders - an approach described by naturalist and broadcaster Chris Packham as progressive and 'setting the right tone for the 21st century'.

The meeting will hear from photographer Colin Varnell who will talk about wildlife photography and show some of his pictures.

Admission is to the meeting will cost £3 refunded if you join on the night.

Way forward for BID

FREE wireless broadband points could be introduced to Dorchester town centre by the town's Business Improvement District group.

The idea will be voted on by the BID later in the year – at the same time as considering whether or not to continue with other projects.

"The Dorchester BID has run a number of highly successful initiatives over the first five years and those that have been well received will continue. However, after a series of open evenings last year which were designed to get confirmation of the good and drop the less useful projects, we also invited ideas for new projects. Twenty projects have now been placed on the levy payers," said Peter Legg the new Chairman of Dorchester BID.

The Dorchester Business Improvement District (DBID) Company has just gone live with its innovative on-line voting system to help encourage businesses to get involved and help decide what additional projects they would like to see appear in the next business plan.

It is available for members at www.dorchester-dorset.co.uk where voting on line will be available until March 8th, with updates of the 'top 10 voted projects' appearing online and on Twitter.

Project director Phil Gordon Project Director said: "It is very easy to login and vote for the projects that you feel will either help your business and/or be for the greater good of the town but of course we are aware that there are some people with businesses in town that don't use the internet or computers and they can request a paper voting form from the BID office by calling 01305 257231, and leave a form request, so everyone that wants to be included will be included."

Chairman steps down

ANGUS Campbell is to step down from chairmanship of Dorset County Council – and will not be seeking re-election in May.

Mr Campbell, who has been council chairman for seven years, said he believes new ideas are needed. He represents Blandford.

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Cabinet system leads to 'risky decision making'

WDDC Councillor Andy Can-
ning's statement on councillors
in a cabinet system of local gov-
ernment being 'All just voting
fodder' is serious for all West
Dorset residents.

Under it, the ruling party
leader chooses the councillors
he wants, currently all from his
own party, for the executive.

He can effectively increase the
power of the executive and re-
duce the degree of debate all
elected councillors can have to-
gether. This reduces the influ-
ence non-executive-committee
councillors can make before
final proposals come to full
council meetings for ratification.

This drains away a potentially
rich vein of democratic input, in-
cluding from the ruling party it-
self. Statistically, it leads to more
risky decision-making, for exam-
ple a seven-person executive
was involved in the failure of
proper democracy over the de-
cision to place new offices on
top of Charles Street South car

park.

Forty-eight voices in full com-
prehensive debate - instead of
seven in a piece-meal way - at
an early stage would have in-
creased the chances of a wiser
decision being taken.

But when the seven don't any-
way reflect the will of the elec-
torate roughly proportionately,
there's a clear rift from the dem-
ocratic will.

Just 156 residents of the
16,000 people in Dorchester
voted for the new offices in the
official Dorchester town poll.

Moreover it was a decision
steered along by a seven-per-
son executive none of whom
lived in Dorchester, and despite
the town council voting unani-
mously against.

The worst aspect was that crit-
ical information on constraint
on car-parking remained un-
known by councillors ie. the fact
that - as the offices went up -
the 485 promised new replace-
ment car-park spaces wouldn't

be available for over another
three years until after a shop-
ping development was com-
pleted.

This didn't appear in any Com-
munity Link edition, nor any
agenda or minutes of the coun-
cil, being tucked-away on the
internet in a couple of sen-
tences on page 30 of a 60 page
report, of which virtually all
councillors remained unaware,
as did all retailers and public.

When this information was ex-
posed generally, councillors had
no time to stop the building
anyway. Moreover individual
members of the executive at
that time still refuse all invita-
tions to discuss this issue in
public.

WDDC's cabinet government
is democratically dangerous. Ti-
tanic House will sadly remain a
permanent reminder of its dan-
ger. And an inspiration to drive
for proper democracy.

John Grantham
Public Holds WDDC to Account

Is show of hands stifling democracy?

I HEARTILY applaud Councillor Gillian Summers'
courageous attempt, backed by Councillor David
Tett, to change the voting system for Bridport's
mayoral election from a public show of hands to a
secret ballot.

She is absolutely right to suggest that secret bal-
lots allow participants to vote freely in accordance
with their own true personal opinions, rather than
feel intimidated or pressured into slavishly follow-
ing a party-political line.

Clearly, theirs was a principled stance on voting
reform, in no way guided by narrow self-interest.

Happily, both councillors are in a strong position
to continue advocating this very principle. Both
serve on West Dorset District Council; indeed,
Councillor Summers is its incumbent chairman.

WDDC's full council consists of 48 members,
elected to represent their constituents' interests:
48 dedicated, articulate, conscientious, thoughtful
individuals, each having their own voice, their own
values and their own personal views.

Full council, which meets five times a year, also

has a tradition of voting by a public show of hands.

Thirty-two of those individuals - all belonging to
the same political group - typically vote in a solid
bloc on issue after issue, at meeting after meeting,
in effect rubber-stamping the executive commit-
tee's "recommendations", apparently without the
need for any public discussion or debate.

I had naively assumed that such perfect consen-
sus was achieved either by sheer coincidence or
by extra-sensory perception, for no-one ever ad-
mits to pre-determination.

But it might actually be the show-of-hands sys-
tem that is stifling debate and guaranteeing the
rigid conformity.

So I now look forward to Councillors Summers
and Tett actively pursuing their campaign for se-
cret ballots, this time at WDDC, if only to save so
many of its elected representatives from being re-
garded by the public as little more than a set of
nodding dogs. Oh yes!

Chris Holmes
Dorchester

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vides a whole network of nurses
and carers right across Dorset of-
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■ JACQUELINE Long with her miniature lace wedding dress which took three weeks to make



■ ELAINE Pearce with her house

Viewing the world in miniature

WELCOME to the world in miniature – a dedicated team of enthusiasts who seem possessed with infinite patience and dexterity to create a world a fraction of its real size.

The South Dorset Miniaturists was formed 15 years ago and makes a range of items including dolls houses, shops and all the items that go in them – all in 1/12th and 1/24th scale.

Members meet every second Tuesday in the month from 2 pm until 4 pm at the Dorchester YMCA in Sawmills Lane for a varied programme of workshops, from beginners to the more advanced.

On the day *View from Dorchester* visited members had brought along a collection of the fantastic creations – from flower pot homes for forest creatures, houses in all shapes and sizes and a market stall with hand-made fruit and veg, each item barely 1cm long.

An eye-catching wedding dress in lace had taken Jacqueline Long three weeks to make, just one of the exhibits for her model-sized wedding shop.

“That’s amazing, three weeks... working a couple of hours a day?” I asked: “No,” came the reply, “Almost all day, every day.”

In a world of quick fixes and easy solutions here is something to really marvel at.

But club chair Ann Goold claims this hobby really is something which anyone can do – and it needn’t cost the earth.

She explained that many people start by looking round their homes for bits of cardboard, items which can be adapted to become something else.

by Trevor Bevens
trevorbevins@gmail.com

“As a miniaturist you start to look at things in a different light...many start by turning a shoebox into a room, or a home. Plant pots can be put to good use and household objects, often things we throw away, can be used,” she said, showing me a small clear plastic cap from a spray can, and challenging me to guess what it could be used for. My luck’s in and I guess that it might be used to cover a miniature cake. So if I can do it, it’s really not that difficult to start the process.

Ann explained that the majority of members often come to the hobby by making doll’s houses, or even garages, for children, or grandchildren – and then become hooked.

The club has 15 or 16 active members who attend most of the meetings, mainly women but there are a handful of men as well – coming from the

Dorchester and Weymouth areas with some travelling from further afield to attend.

“It’s very sociable and everyone is always willing to help out with advice and to demonstrate techniques they have learned,” said Ann who has issued an open invitation to drop in on a session for anyone who would like to.

Ann has been involved for about eight years and took it up as a retirement hobby. She says making miniatures goes back a long way and was especially popular in Victorian Times when scale models of grand houses were made – often as an aide to showing new staff how the household worked.

As an extension to her hobby Ann is now also a popular speaker on the subject and a regular on the county WI circuit.

If you are interested, and would like to know more, please contact Ann Goold on 01300 341208, or visit a session in progress.



■ JEAN Garrard created a home in a flower pot



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The Past Made Present at Dorset County Museum

AT LAST, an exhibition of contemporary art that can be accessed and enjoyed by all.

Works by a total of 24 artists are displayed in the exhibition which opened this Saturday at Dorset County Museum. At the exhibition preview over 200 people enjoyed exploring the new works of art, many displayed alongside artefacts from the Museum's unique collections. Jo Saurin, one of the artists and a curator of the exhibition said, "This is not an exhibition designed to intimidate the visitor but to encourage them, through encounters with fragments of the past, to unearth buried memories and make them contemporary. Encounters focuses on shared ancestry, poignant memory and loved landscape and there are links throughout wJon Murden, director of Dorset County Museum said, "This is one of the most challenging exhibitions we have worked on for some time, but also one of the most fascinating. For me, the mixture of brand new works of art displayed alongside the iconic artefacts which inspired them is particularly interesting."

The artists, all from Wessex Contemporary Arts, will be there personally on three mornings to talk about their work – come along between 10.30am and 12 noon on 21 February, 4 and 11 April to meet them, hear about

their work and find out what inspired them. Some of the artists are also running workshops to encourage tactile engagement with processes and concepts that are at the heart of Contemporary art. Obfuscation is not part of this exhibition. Pleasure, recognition and personal involvement is.

The Museum's archaeology collection has been the focus of the largest number of artists with the Dorset landscape, the coast and Maiden Castle close behind. Poetry, library books, farming, mourning jewellery and fresco painting have also inspired other parts of the show. Another strong category explored by some artists is enquiring into the whole concept of the Museum itself. Visitors will see how this examination of these collections has led to the creation of many original works of art from richly coloured paintings inspired by ancient pottery to delicate bowls beautifully crafted from leaf skeletons, fish scales and other natural objects.

Encounters: Wessex Contemporary Artists meet Dorset County Museum is open now and runs until June 7th 2013 and entry to the exhibition is free. For further information pick up an exhibition leaflet at the Museum shop or visit the website on www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

Learn to Crochet at Dorset County Museum

FOLLOWING the huge success of daytime craft sessions in 2012, Dorset County Museum is now running a series of evening sessions, just for adults, on a number of different crafts and techniques.

The first session is 'Crochet for Beginners' and will be held on Tuesday 26 February at the Museum. Running from 6pm to 8pm, the cost is £7.50 per person and pre-booking

is essential as numbers are limited to a maximum of 15 per session. All the materials will be provided and participants will be able to learn enough basic techniques to make a simple coaster or place mat.

No previous skill is required for this session which will be run as a friendly group activity – why not come along with a couple of friends or meet new people there? In the

coming months the group will cover silk painting (on 16 April), making rag rugs, silver clay jewellery and seasonal crafts for Christmas. Daytime sessions also run throughout the year – the next one is Tapestry Weaving on 13 March. For further information pick up an events leaflet at the Museum or check the website on www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

Trio Flyright into Dorset

IN 1937 Nat "King" Cole formed his first trio. Legend has it the band was supposed to be a quartet but the drummer failed to turn up. Whether this is true, the resulting trio of bass, piano and guitar was an instant success and it is this format the Flyright Trio love.

With a fresh new line up, Jonty Fisher's Flyright Trio returns to rural Dorset in February and March to inject an incredible seven village halls with jazz fever! Bassist Jonty Fisher is back, this time with pianist Naadia Sheriff and guitarist James Fenn to perform their own unique arrangements, including three-part vocal harmonies, combining virtuosity and swinging rhythm with infectious joie de vivre to perform a lively evening of classic jazz. The band pay homage to the late Nat 'King' Cole and also perform classic jazz standards from the Great American Songbook, including Cole Porter, Gershwin and Berlin.

Jonty Fisher is a prolific composer and bassist; a regular on the London music scene. Having played at many of the UK's premier events and venues, his time is punctuated by extensive world touring as well as film, radio, television and recording appearances. Jonty is a member of the critically acclaimed world music band Deva, and he has also appeared with Liane Carroll, Jacqui Dankworth and Don Rendell. Nadia Sheriff has performed extensively across the UK, appearing as a soloist for the New English Orchestra and the London Jazz Orchestra. James Fenn, the newest member of the trio boasts a natural talent on the guitar and his variety of style has earned him a place on records

with the likes of The Jonny Boston Quartet and Martin Briggs Trio. Don't miss the trio as they tour the length and breadth of the county this spring!

Jonty Fisher's Flyright Trio play at the following venues:

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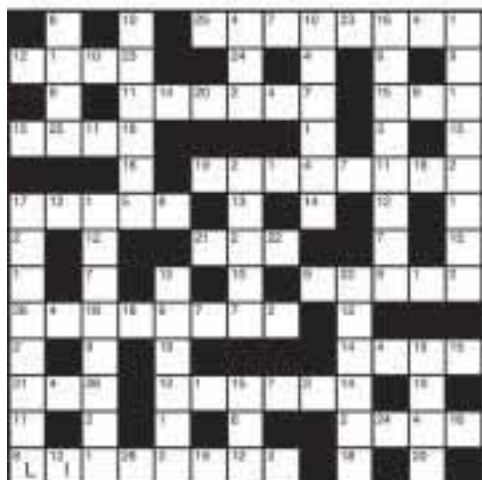
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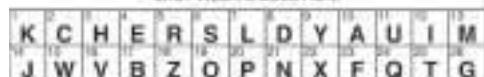
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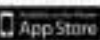
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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Not so many in the cafe we run (5)
- Fish forced to come to land (7)
- Doesn't move the corpse (7)
- Make an admission (3,2)
- Philosopher reveals hypocrisy, we hear (4)
- What to do to get the most satisfactory trip on horseback (8)
- Screen section put back as a habit (4-4)
- 14 and 17 Across: Besides a greater amount in surplus (9)
- The end of the trip - touch down before autumn (8)
- See 14 Across.
- Native of Australia to leave after a row (5)
- An appointment associated with the French evangelist (7)
- The distinctive nature of eastern scenes, maybe (7)
- They are characterised in an adaptation of 'The Miser' (5)

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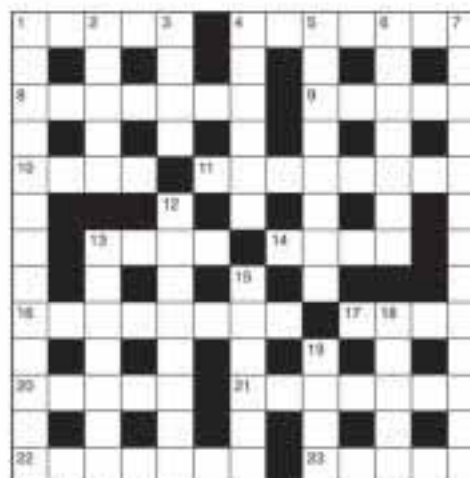
- Happen (5)
- In addition (7)
- Believer (7)
- Zest (5)
- Rid (4)
- Trader (8)
- Munch (4)
- Let it stand (4)
- Maintain (8)
- Support (4)
- Sluggish (5)
- Disclose (7)
- Beg (7)
- Finished (5)

Down

- Sounding to be in favour of information the prophet should have (13)
- Who brings endless sorrow to a husband? (5)
- Fence the track (4)
- A crowd by the Spanish accommodation building (6)
- Load it in - it's needed for expansion (8)
- External telephone connection for broad statement (7)
- Schools that have small charges (15)
- The result of incomplete wiring (4-4)
- Could they be an inclusion in temporary accommodation? (7)
- Stick to use as an ace (5)
- Six talk endlessly, being full of life (5)
- See 13 Across.

Down

- Ruiny (3-2-8)
- Pursue (5)
- Soak (4)
- Trade by exchange (6)
- Wisdom (8)
- For (7)
- Lacking self-control (5-8)
- Disparage (8)
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- Majestic (6)
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- Pair (4)

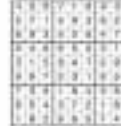


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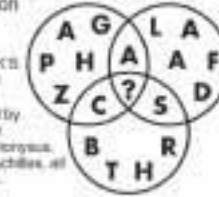
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WHILE Dorchester's Corn Exchange sees the return of the Mind, Body & Spirit Fayre on Saturday, February 23rd, its organisers Psychic Fayre are not resting on the laurels of their popular daytime event.

This year they also bring something new to the town - a Psychic Variety Show. Taking place at the Wessex Royale Hotel the night before the fayre, their unique 'entertainment with enlightenment' format brings together master palmist Robin Lown, a double-act of psychic artist Patrick Gamble and medium Janette Anne Coombe, tarot guru Steve Hounsone and music from new-age SoulWeavers.

All well-known and respected exponents of their individual psychic genres, the 'cast' creates a fascinating theatrical experience full of humour, emotion and genuine 'wow' moments.

The show's first outing of 2013 was a big hit in Wimborne on February 1st, and it will be taken, with a variable line-up, to play in tandem with many of their Fayres around the South West.

Tickets for the Friday, February 22nd show, at the Wessex Royale starting at 7.30pm, are on sale at £10 from Dorchester Tourist Information Centre, telephone 01305 267992, or on the door subject to availability.

Next day's fayre, running 10am-4pm Saturday, February 23rd at the Corn Exchange, is free to enter, and features all the performers from the night before plus dozens of other psychics, therapists and traders. There is a 'pop-up' café, free talks and demonstrations run throughout the day, and a charity raffle, with the prize of a picture by artist Patrick Gamble, will raise funds for the Soul Midwives Foundation.



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The Harbour Inn is now a limited company, and under the umbrella of the company, Sue will be taking over 'Moba', a boutique in New Street, Honiton. Sue takes over from Maureen and Tom Cromie who have been there for over 20 years. She will be stocking some new brands, including *Angels Never Die*, and *Capri*, but will be keeping plenty of the current brands including *Save the Queen*, *Yaya*, *Masia*, *Sandwich Bohemia*, and

Olson. Sue will continue in her role at the Harbour Inn, but will take more of a managerial role in the kitchen. She very much looks forward to welcoming customers new and old to the shop.

The ambiance inside the Harbour Inn is relaxed where Julie, Mark's sister, provides unique and contemporary paintings of seascapes from the local area. Julie's new painting inspired by the Himalayas can be seen at the Harbour Inn after Easter when she returns. This years workshops will emphasise weather responding to landscape. Students will be guided to explore coastal materials with experiment inventiveness and spontaneity capturing atmosphere rather than representation. Exhibition dates can be seen on her website www.julieoldfield.com

The Harbour are now taking bookings for Mothers Day, which falls on Sunday, March 10th. Call them now on 01297 442299 to avoid disappointment.



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"In Hindon there is a beautiful, Grade II Listed house in the high street with, unusually for the village, a garage and parking space. It would make a lovely family house or a second home.

"Near Shaftesbury is Blynfield Cottage in Stour Row, a detached two bedroom property requiring complete modernisation and improvement but it adjoins open fields and is, therefore, in a super location.

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"In Somerset 13 Lang Road in Crewkerne, guided at £90,000, is a two bedroom cottage nestled away in the town with a generous garden and in Ilchester 12 Free Street is a period, end of terrace, two bedroom cottage needing modernisation. It is located in a no-through road with a stone barn and scope for development (subject to planning permission) and is guided at £125,000.

"In the centre of Yeovil, 77 Marl Close, is a three bedroom semi-detached house for improvement, guided at £95,000.

"In South Dorset 12 Diment Square in Bridport is an attractive, Grade II Listed, two bedroom stone cottage, tucked away from the centre of the town. Requiring general improvement and updating this is guided at £120,000 - £140,000, whilst in New Street, Weymouth, right in the heart of the seaside town and within yards of the sandy beach and picturesque inner harbour is a Grade II Listed dwelling guided at £165,000.

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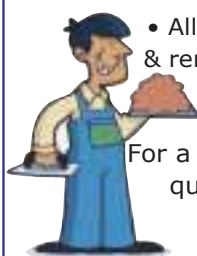
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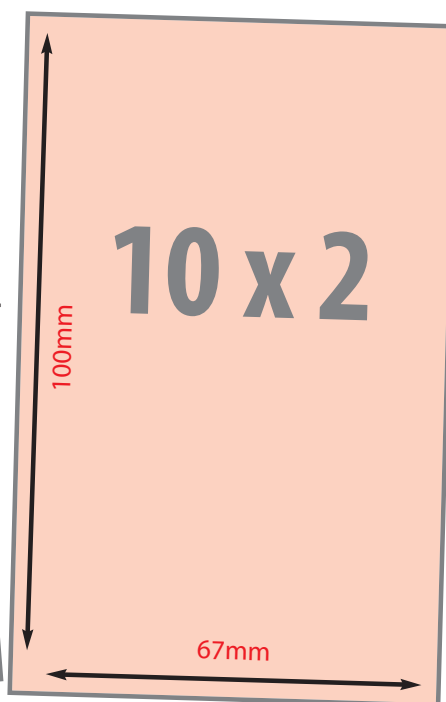
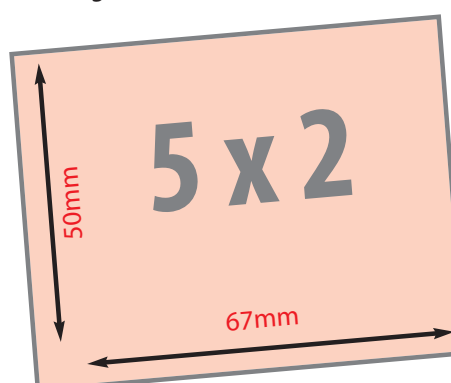
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- SEAT Leon is the first family hatchback in Europe to offer full-LED headlamps – the most advanced on the market

SEAT has introduced an offer that will brighten the lives of new Leon buyers. By making the Technology Pack available for a dazzling £500, the most advanced in-car light technology available today has never been more affordable.

Specified as individual options, LED Headlights, Navigation System and DAB radio would together cost a buyer over £1,900, with the lamps alone a £995 option. However, in order that the maximum number of drivers can experience this illuminating technology, SEAT has made them available for a staggeringly low price.

Full-LED headlamps: the clearest choice

Full-LED headlamps offer exceptional illumination, while being energy-efficient and non-dazzling to oncoming motorists. They provide the closest light to natural daylight of any headlamp on the market.

The full-LED headlamps of the SEAT Leon are 5,300K – extremely close to daylight. That gives them a very bright light distribution, but one that's comfortable and that enables the eyes to

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Amazingly, they provide this quality of light while consuming less power than traditional headlamps: 50% less than a xenon bulb while functioning on low beam. In addition, the turn indicators, which use a cluster of LEDs, use only half the power of a standard light bulb performing the same task.

It's an intelligent light unit, too, featuring a useful 'highway assist' function that senses when the car is at motorway speed and lifts the light beam slightly to give the driver a further view of the road ahead.

Full-LED headlamps also avoid colour distortion, maintaining a consistently white, flicker- and colour-free beam even at the cut-off line.

And it's not just the headlamps whose operation is improved markedly by using LED technology – the LED tail-lights of the Leon (standard on FR models and included with the LED Headlights option) are quantifiably more effective than those that use standard bulbs: LED brake lights are 0.02 seconds quicker to react than con-

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That difference may seem inconsequential, but any improvement in time it takes for a driver behind to see the brake lights could have a very significant, impact-mitigating effect.

And aside from being brighter, clearer and using less power – which has a positive effect on fuel consumption and CO2 emissions – LEDs are virtually maintenance-free and extremely durable, with a life of at least 10,000 hours.

Technology Pack

The inclusion of Navigation System means that Technology Pack buyers also get SEAT's top-of-the-line infotain-

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Barry Army.....	18	24
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Greyhound.....	16	17
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Breakaways.....	17	15
Wide Boys.....	17	15
Woodmen.....	17	14
Allsorts.....	17	12
3CA.....	18	12
Slingers.....	17	7
Jokers.....	16	6
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 520 Barry Army, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: 1 Belt (Puddletown Wand) 90.		

Section B	Pld	Pts
Heathens.....	18	28
Steamers.....	17	24
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Hammers.....	18	17
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Tinklers.....	18	10
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 514 Steamers, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: M.Scotchmer (Wurzels) 83.		

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Hotshots.....	18	24
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Swan Abbots.....	18	17
Strugglers.....	18	17
Fingers.....	17	16
Colliton A.....	17	16
Merry-men.....	17	16
Fumblers.....	18	12
Thatchers.....	17	10
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 502 Merry-men, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: A.Aplin (Colliton Flingers) 80.		

Section D	Pld	Pts
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Legionaires.....	14	12
Chuckers.....	15	12
Shipwrecked.....	15	12
Rollers.....	15	7
Huntsmen.....	14	2
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 493 Wool RBL Misfits, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: K.Legg (Wool RBL Misfits) 79.		

LADIES	Pld	Pts
Devils.....	16	30
Breezers.....	16	20
Crackerjacks.....	16	20
Oakettes.....	16	20
Bloomers.....	14	18
Potshots.....	16	18
Woodpeckers.....	15	8
Westenders.....	15	6
Nik Naks.....	16	0
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 485 Devils, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: M Fowler (Devils), V.Cooper (Devils) both 75.		

Section B	Pld	Pts
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Colli-Cats.....	14	14
Crossfire.....	13	12
Cornwall Girls.....	13	12
Black Jacks.....	14	4
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 393 Cornwall Girls 393, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: A.Wright (Cornwall Girls) 67.		

Islanders look to stage title charge after tight win

DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP WITH WILL MOWBRAY

Dorset Premier League
Portland Utd 1 Wareham Rangers 0
THE ISLANDERS stay hot on the heels of Holt United with a tightly contested 1-0 victory against mid-table side Wareham Rangers.
The goal came on the hour and was scored by Ryan McKechnie.
Portland lie in second with only one point behind Holt United, but have three games in hand on their title rivals.

Poole Borough 0 Tintinhull 5
THE Timmen moved into the top six after they beating Poole Borough 5-0.
Adam Clements scored in the 25th and 52nd minute, Oliver Pearson in the 23rd minute, Luke Jennings in the 43rd minute and Jon Delahaye in the 68th minute.
This was the Hornets 16th defeat and leaves them at the foot of the table.

Senior League
STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED closed the gap on the top two following their 4-0 victory against Weymouth Sports. Wayne Moussalli grabbed a brace with Sam Stockley and Paul Case both on the score-sheet.
Witchampton United lost ground on the top three as they went down 6-3 at Stourpaine. Adam Robbins, Alex White, Robert Way, Sam Fitzgerald-Miller, Dan Baxter were all on target in a convincing win.
Westland Sports moved into the top five with a 5-1 victory over Blandford United Reserves with Sam Farthing and Carney both scoring a brace and one for Phil Wells.
After defeat in the Senior Trophy last week Upwey & Broadway hit back with a 5-0 drubbing over Piddletrenthide United. Ethan Devaney and Charlie Kenderdine both bagged a brace and Charlie May also scored to seal a great win.

Division One
CORFE MULLEN UNITED made it 10 League wins in a row as they moved four points clear at the top of Division One following their 5-0 win against Swanage Town & Herston Reserves. Michael Fleetham and Jack McGhan both with scored a brace and one for Daniel Flook to complete the scoring.
Milborne Sports lost ground Corfe Mullen at the top of the league as they could only force a 1-1 draw with Poundbury Rovers. Daniel Andrews scored for Milborne while netting for Poundbury was Steve Oliver.
South Cheriton kept the pressure on the top two with a 7-0 win over the Kangaroos.
Merley Cobham Sports Reserves got their

second point of the season when they drew 1-1 with Bridport A with their goal coming from Christopher Danvers.
Bere Regis stay in fourth place thanks to a 3-1 win at Chickereil United with the host goal coming from Kevin Pace.

Division Two
WITH the only side in the top four getting maximum points, AFC Cobham, moved into top spot following their 9-0 thrashing over Sturminster Newton United. Lee Madgewick, Matthew Mcgrath and Dan King all netted a brace and there was one each for Martyn Dickson, Kevin Hoare and Daniel Morris.
Dorchester Sports slipped down to second spot after a thrilling 3-3 draw with Ship Inn Wool. Sports goals came from Tom Godfrey, Karl Hicks and Darren Watts.
The Balti House lost 4-3 against relegation fighters Portland Town with the host's goals coming from Phil Lee (2) and one each from Paul Cole and Ross Jones.
Another side to lose ground on the leaders was Weymouth Spartans who played out a goalless draw with Corfe Castle.
Gillingham Town A moved up into the top half of the league with a 1-0 win against Shaftesbury Town Reserves. Nicky Squires scored the only goal of the game.
Wareham Rangers Reserves recorded their third win of the season when they defeated Wyke Regis Social Club 3-1 with the goals from Richard Best (2) and one for Roy Lock.

Division Three
PIDDLEHINTON UNITED moved four points clear at the top of division three but have played six more games than the second place side Lytchett Red Triangle.
This is after they comprehensively beat Bere Regis 8-0. Adam Barrett bagged a hat-trick and there was one piece for Jason Bushnell Tom Breece, Nick Hansford and Nathan Higgins.
Stalbridge moved up into the top half of the league after their 3-0 win against their hosts Handley Sports.
Sturminster Marshall and The Belvedere Inn played out an evenly contested 3-3 draw. Sturminsters strikes coming from Paul Glenister, Jack Geddis and Michael Turner while scoring for the Belvedere were Alex Haynes, Terry Hoey and Jamie Rawlins.
Division Four
MERE TOWN RESERVES moved back into top spot after their 2-0 win against Broadstone. Strikes from Barry Torrance and Lee Christopher sealed a comfortable win. Following this result Broadstone slip down to third place.

Second placed Puddletown won by 4-3 at Bishops Caundle with their goals coming from James Hernon, Danny Dancer, Matt Rimmer and Derek Puckett. While netting for the Bishops were Justin Bingham with a brace and one for Chris Paul.
AFC Blandford lost ground on the top two when they could only draw with United Football Club of Poundbury 1-1 with their goal coming from Aaron Lawes.

Division Five
SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON lost ground on the leaders with a goalless draw against the Kangaroos Reserves. They now sit seven points behind Pimperne with two games in hand.
Handly Sports Reserves won 5-4 in a nine-goal thriller at Maiden Newton with the hosts' goal-scorers being Sam Hocking, Stuart Swatridge, Andrew Mcleary and Foot.
Milborne Sports Reserves moved up into mid-table following their 2-1 win against Broadstone Reserves with their goals coming from Jay Elliott and an own goal. While netting for Broadstone was Sam Cherrett.

RESULTS

Saturday, February 16th
Dorset Premier League
Blandford Utd 2-2 Swanage Town & Herston
Chickereil Utd 3-0 Bridport Res
Cranborne 2-2 Weymouth Res
Hamworthy Recreation 0-4 Wincanton Town
Hamworthy Utd Res 0-1 Shaftesbury Town
Merley Cobham Sports 0-3 Holt Utd
Sherborne Town Res p-p Portland Utd
Tintinhull p-p Parley Sports
Wareham Rangers 2-3 Poole Borough
Senior League
Kingston Lacy 3-0 Portland United Reserves
Piddletrenthide Utd 0-5 Upwey & Broadway
Stourpaine 6-3 Witchampton United
Westland Sports 5-1 Blandford United Res
Weymouth Sports 0-4 Sturminster Newton
Dorset League Division One
Chickereil United Reserves 1-3 Bere Regis
Corfe Mullen Utd 5-0 Swanage T & H Res
Merley Cobham Sports Res 1-1 Bridport A
Poundbury Rovers 1-1 Milborne Sports
South Cheriton 7-0 Kangaroos
Dorset League Division Two
Dorchester Sports 3-3 The Ship Inn Wool
Portland Town 4-3 The Balti House
Shaftesbury Town Res 0-1 Gillingham Town A
Sturminster Newton Res 0-9 AFC Cobham
Wareham Rangers Res 3-1 Wyke Regis SC
Weymouth Spartans 0-0 Corfe Castle
Dorset League Division Three
Handley Sports 0-3 Stalbridge
Piddletrenthide Utd 8-0 Bere Regis Res

Sturminster Marsh Res 3-3 The Belvedere Inn
Dorset League Division Four
AFC Blandford 1-1 United FC Poundbury
Bishops Caundle 3-4 Puddletown
Mere Town Reserves 2-0 Broadstone FC
Dorset League Division Five
Kangaroos Reserves 0-0 Swanage T & H A
Maiden N & C Res 4-5 Handley Sport Res
Milborne Sports Res 2-1 Broadstone Res

FIXTURES

Saturday, February 23rd
Dorset Premier League
Merley Cobham Sports v Portland Utd
Parley Sports v Holt Utd
Poole Borough v Hamworthy Utd Res
Shaftesbury Town v Bridport Res
Sherborne Town Res v Weymouth Res
Swanage Town & Herston v Cranborne
Tintinhull v Wareham Rangers
Wincanton Town v Blandford Utd
Senior League
Blandford United Res v Weymouth Sports
Portland United Res v Westland Sports
Stourpaine v Kingston Lacy
Sturminster Marshall v Okeford United
Sturminster Newton Utd v Mere Town
Upwey & Broadway v Gillingham Town Res
Witchampton Utd v Piddletrenthide Utd
Dorset Division One
Bere Regis v Corfe Mullen United
Bridport A v Swanage T & H Reserves
Chickereil United Reserves v Milborne Sports
Kangaroos v Merley Cobham Sports Reserves
Poundbury Rovers v Wincanton Town Res
South Cheriton v Poole Borough Reserves
Dorset Division Two
Donhead United v Corfe Castle
Gillingham Town A v AFC Cobham
Portland Town v Wyke Regis Social Club
The Ship Inn Wool v The Balti House
Wareham Rangers Res v Dorchester Sports
Weymouth Spartans v Sturminster Newton
Dorset Division Three
Bere Regis Res v Portesham United
Handley Sports v Lytchett RT
Overmoigne v Salbridge
Stickland United v Sturminster Marshall Res
The Belvedere Inn v Maiden Newton & Catt
Dorset Division Four
AFC Blandford v Corfe Mullen Utd Reserves
Cranborne Reserves v Littlemoor
Mere Town Res v Portland Town Res
Puddletown v Broadstone FC
Dorset Division Five
Broadstone Res v Maiden Newton N & C Res
Milborne Sports Res v Marnhull
Portland Town A v Handley Sports Reserves
Swanage T & Herston A v Lytchett RT Youth
Wellworthys v Pimperne Sports Society

SCRUM DOWN - News from Dorchester and Puddletown

With Will Mowbray

Player shortage costs Puddletown in frustrating loss

New Milton Seconds 24 Puddletown 5

ANY hopes Puddletown had of a Dorset & Wilts 2 South double over high-flying New Milton were effectively ended when, not for the first time this season, they had to contest the fixture one man short.
But if the league's top scorers thought they were in for a try-fest, the 14-man Villagers had other ideas and, with a performance of real character, made them fight all the way for their victory.
Despite some dogged defensive work from the visitors from the start, the well-drilled home side worked patiently to exploit their advantage, and the line was eventually breached on three occasions in the first period.
Turning round 19-0 down, Puddletown were far from done though and after dominating the third quarter they scored a deserved try when Marcus House burst clear, before popping the ball to Matt Watts to finish the job. New Milton did finally secure their bonus point but at 5-5 the visitors will feel that the second-half, at least, was theirs.
Afterwards coach Paul Newbery was quick to praise his players: "What a test that was for our 14, and they passed it with flying colours. The front five was rock solid, the half-back pairing of Josh Hiscock and Tom Yeatman always looked dangerous,

while it was great to have Marcus House back in the centres"
"Flankers Matt Watts and John Moise, both playing out of position, did really well, while special mention must be made of wingers Matt Isaac and James House. New Milton were always going to try to get behind us out wide, so both of them had their work cut out to cover our flanks. I couldn't fault their defensive effort, and both, with a bit more luck, could have run in tries.
Finally, the work rate of our two-man back row of James Perrett and Giles Trowbridge was exceptional; they were at the heart of everything."
"I don't want to dwell on the issue of player availability, but this seems to be increasingly affecting all clubs at our sort of level.
I don't know the answer, all I do know is that it's incredibly frustrating for those who, like our squad today, show a real commitment to their rugby."
Dorset Piddle Brewery Man of the Match: James Perrett
Oakmeadian 32 Dorchester 31
DORCHESTER'S run of poor form continued when they were on the wrong end of a ten try thriller at Meyrick Park.
After conceding their obligatory first

minute try Dorchester began to get the upper hand up front and a first try for John Bowden got the visitors on the board.
The home backs always looked dangerous and, following a break into the Dorchester twenty-two, Oaks extended their lead to five points with a simple penalty.
Dorchester finally took the lead with the last play of the half, Dave Gower diving over from close range and Baker converting.
The second period started with Dorchester again on the front foot and looking to stretch their lead.
Unfortunately James Baker missed two very simple penalty attempts and these mistakes were compounded when the home fly-half intercepted on the half way line and sprinted into the right corner to put Oaks back in front.
This setback proved to be a wake up call to Dorchester and two converted tries in four minutes appeared to have swung the game decisively in their favour. Baker forced his way over following sustained pressure on the Oaks line and then Shane Costigan finished off a move that started deep in Dorchester's own half.
Oaks crossed again to close the gap to six points but when Jamie Morgan ran onto Costigan's perfectly placed box kick and scored in the corner with only minutes left the result should have been sealed.
The hosts had other ideas, Dorchester

made a hash of dealing with the kick-off and allowed Oaks to score again in the right hand corner. With the successful conversion Oaks were only four points behind.
Dorchester kicked off deep into Oaks territory but several sloppy tackles allowed Oaks to run the ball right back into the same right hand corner and after a penalty award and a yellow card the hosts drove over for the winning try.

RESULTS
Saturday, 16th February
Southern Counties South
Oakmeadians 32-31 Dorchester
Weymouth 10-45 Sherborne
Dorset & Wilts 2 South
Weymouth II 0-34 Dorchester II
New Milton II 24-5 Puddletown
Dorset & Wilts 4
Bridport II 33-10 Weymouth III

FIXTURES
Saturday, 23rd February
Southern Counties South
Supermarine vs Weymouth
Dorset & Wilts 2 South
Puddletown vs Ellingham & Ringwood II
Weymouth II vs Bromyard
Dorset & Wilts 4
Melksham vs Weymouth III

AS THEY STAND

Premier	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Holt Utd.....	21	15	3	25
Portland Utd.....	18	15	2	1
Wincanton.....	17	12	4	1
Ham'wthry Res.....	10	2	6	36
Chickereil Utd.....	19	10	6	31
Tintinhull.....	20	11	2	7
Bridport Res.....	21	9	5	7
Weymouth Res.....	20	9	3	8
Shaftesbury.....	19	8	1	10
Parley Sports.....	16	7	3	6
Blandford Utd.....	22	8	10	4
Wareham Ran.....	22	8	4	12
Hamworthy.....	21	5	11	9
Cranborne.....	19	5	9	16
Merley Spts.....	20	5	12	29
Swanage & H.....	15	5	1	9
Sherborne Res.....	19	2	5	12
Poole Boro.....	21	3	2	16

Senior League	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Mere Town.....	14	13	1	0
Gillingham Res.....	14	10	1	3
Sturminster.....	15	7	4	15
Witchampton.....	12	7	4	7
Westland Spts.....	14	6	2	6
Kingston Lacy.....	12	6	1	5
Piddle'thide.....	13	6	1	5
Upwey & Broa.....	10	6	0	17
Portland Utd.....	16	5	3	18
Stourpaine.....	15	5	1	9
Blandford Utd.....	14	4	1	9
Weymouth.....	14	2	5	7
Sturm Marsh.....	15	3	0	12
Okeford Utd.....	8	2	5	14

Division One	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Corfe Mullen.....	12	11	1	0
Milborne Spts.....	15	9	3	34
South Cheritin.....	11	9	1	34
Bere Regis.....	14	6	2	5
Poundbury Ro.....	12	5	3	4
Bridport A.....	14	5	2	7
Kangaroos.....	12	3	4	5
South Cheriton v Poole Borough Reserves	14	1	9	13
Swanage Twn.....	8	4	0	4
Wincanton Res.....	7	2	3	5
Chickereil Res.....	11	2	0	10
Merely Cob.....	12	0	2	39

Division Two	PW	D	LGD	Pts
AFC Cobham.....	17	11	2	49
Dorchester Sp.....	16	10	3	23
Balti House.....	14	9	2	30
Weymouth Sp.....	13	9	1	35
Shaftesbury.....	16	7	3	34
Gillingham A.....	15	6	3	41
Wyke Regis.....	15	6	2	7
Corfe Castle.....	13	6	1	5
Wareham Ran.....	12	3	6	7
Sturminster.....	12	3	1	8
Portland Twn.....	13	2	8	12
Donhead Utd.....	13	3	10	23
Ship Inn, Wool.....	11	4	6	11

Division Three	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Piddlehinton.....	16	10	4	32
Lytchett RT.....	10	10	0	32
Handley Spts.....	14	6	3	1
Portsham Utd.....	11	6	3	4
Stalbridge.....	13	5	4	2
Maiden N&C.....	12	5	2	15
Belvedere Inn.....	9	3	3	12
Stickland Utd.....	14	2	6	11
Sturminster.....	12	3	2	12
Bere Regis Res.....	11	4	6	22
Overmoigne.....	14	1	2	35

Division Four	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Mere Town.....	13	9	1	35
Puddletown.....	12	8	2	11
Broadstone.....	12	7	2	25
AFC Blandford.....	11	6	4	24
Cranborne.....	13	6	2	5
Bishops Caun.....	13	4	2	7
Portland Res.....	10	3	4	13
UFC Poundbur.....	11	6	4	13
Weym'th Spar.....	12	2	1	39
Corfe Mullen.....	13	2	0	11

Division Five	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Pimperne.....	11	10	0	1
Swanage Town.....	9	7	2	34
Kangaroos Res.....	13	7	2	16
Wellworthys.....	11	7	1	30
Marnhull.....	14	5	3	9
Milborne Res.....	11	5	2	4
Lytchett RT.....	13	4	2	14
Portland A.....	14	4	2	19
Broadstone.....	14	4	1	12
Handley Res.....	14	3	2	42
Maiden N&C.....	10	2	1	7

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MAGPIES AND TERRAS REPORTS

Reed keeps Terras in the play-offs mix

with Stuart Broom

Moore just the ticket

BATH CITY 2 DORCHESTER TOWN 3
February 12th, Blue Square Sth - att 418
DORCHESTER Town produced another outstanding performance to complete the double over Bath City at Twerton Park on Tuesday of last week.

The victory followed just three days after the Magpies had beaten league leaders Salisbury City at The Avenue and completes the first back to back wins since September.

The result sees The Magpies climb to a respectable 10th in the Blue Square South, five points clear of relegation but only seven short of a play-off place, so tight is the league this year.

There were two changes to the side that played Salisbury.

Nick Crittenden who played on Saturday despite having barely recovered from a hamstring injury, paid the price for his bravery and had to withdraw following the warm-up after feeling the effects, and was replaced by Lewis Morgan.

Kieffer Moore, who signed from Truro City the night before, made his debut replacing Charlie Clough up front.

Clough was moved back to his normal central defensive position in place of Nathan Walker who needed five stitches in a cut above the eye sustained in the build up to Dorchester's winner.

The new striker's presence gave the Magpies an edge up front that the Romans couldn't cope with, and he soon had City's keeper Jason Mellor working to save his shot.

Ben Watson, wallowing in the freedom he has been missing for most of the season where he has had to work alone up front, gave them the lead on 20 minutes when Mark Preece allowed him too much room and he turned to fire past Mellor.

The lead only lasted seven minutes however when Charlie Griffin was bundled over right on the edge of the area and he stepped to curl the free-kick past Jason Matthews.

Dorchester, despite the rigours of their energy sapping encounter with Salisbury, stepped up to the plate and regained the lead on 38 minutes when the Romans defence failed to clear Jake Smeeton's cross.

Watson flicked the ball on, and when Dan Ball hesitated, Sam Malsom robbed him to fire them ahead again.

Five minutes later Bath were level again through Griffin who lobbed Matthews from 25 yards.

Although the 'keeper got his hand to the ball he could only push it into the roof of the net.

The second half was more even as Bath, who had lost their previous three home games looked to put the run to an end, but they rarely looked to trouble Matthews.

Dorchester continued to search for a winner and it arrived ten minutes from time when Aaran Pugh climbed highest at a corner to powerfully head home the winner.

Manager Phil Simkin was absolutely delighted with his side's performance and with

Moore's debut.

He told **View Sport**: "We played really well. They had two shots at goal the whole game and scored two 'worldy's'."

"We won well, better than the score line suggests, and when you consider how hard they had to play on Saturday and then to step up again three days later with many of them carrying knocks, it was a great achievement."

"In the first-half I thought we were awesome, and Kieffer made a terrific debut."

"He was unlucky not to score, but his contribution was massive. He fitted in well; it's not easy to walk into a dressing room for an away game with a bunch of lads you don't know and haven't trained with."

He added: "We looked a different side and looked like we could score every time we went forward; they couldn't handle him, he was too powerful."

"Ben Watson looks a different player. With Charlie Clough alongside him the last few games it made a difference, but with Kieffer, who's a proper forward, it made a huge difference."

Williams brace foils Magpies

BASINGSTOKE 2 DORCHESTER TOWN 1
February 16th, Blue Square South - att 471
DORCHESTER Town failed to keep their mini unbeaten run going when they were beaten by two Manny Williams goals at The Camrose on Saturday, and although Kieffer Moore scored his first goal for the Magpies since signing from Truro City late on it was not enough.

It was a scrappy game, a bit reminiscent of the reverse fixture at The Avenue a couple of weeks ago where Dorchester fought back after conceding two early goals to snatch a 2-2 draw, and they almost repeated the situation, but Neil Martin's shot in added time hit the post.

The Magpies maybe should have taken the lead on 17 minutes when Moore returned the compliment after out running Jay Gasson down the right. His cross to the far post found Watson six yards from goal but he headed wide.

Delano Sam-Yorke who caused the Magpies a number of problems at Dorchester then had Basingstoke's first real chance just before the half hour, but he scuffed his shot wide after the ball had rebounded to him on the edge of the penalty area.

Dorchester continued to hold sway and Aaran Pugh headed wide from Sam Malsom's corner before Stoke keeper Ashley Bayes had to be alert to smother a through ball for Moore.

At the other end another scuffed shot from Sam-Delano almost causes Charlie Clough to divert the ball into his own goal, before Bayes can only watch as Malsom's long range effort flashed just wide.

With Watson suffering a calf injury, Ashley Nicholls replaced him at the start of the second half having missed the previous game with a foot injury.

However, it was Basingstoke who opened the scoring on 49 minutes when Williams was on hand to score from the rebound after

Simon Dunn's initial toe-poke was blocked by Jason Matthews.

Williams almost grabbed a second ten minutes later when he brought a first class reaction save from Matthews after some neat footwork in the area, but Dorchester hit back straight away and Pugh had another opportunity from a free-kick but headed straight at Bayes.

Chances continued to be made at both ends and after Shaun McAuley fired over from six yards, Malsom could only find fire straight at Bayes from distance.

Clough was moved up front by manager Phil Simkin to try and force an equaliser, but it was Williams who put Stoke further ahead seven minutes from time; pouncing to net after Wes Daly's shot had hit the post.

Two minutes later however the Magpies were back in with a chance after Jake Smeeton's run down the left saw him beat two defenders before crossing to the far post where the unmarked Moore has a simple chance and heads home.

With added time looming Martin hit the outside of the upright following a goalmouth scramble but Dorchester could not find the equaliser they deserved.

WEYMOUTH 2 FROME TOWN 1

February 12th, Blue Square Sth - att 457
A STUNNING strike from Stephen Reed set Weymouth on their way to victory over Frome Town at the Bob Lucas Stadium last Tuesday, but for the second game running they had to hang on for victory.

Dan Smith doubled the lead with a penalty in the second-half, but Frome pulled one back to leave Terras fans to survive a nail-biting last 20 minutes.

But victory was secured to lift Weymouth up to seventh in the Evo-Stik South Premier Division, and just two points off a play-off place.

Kyle Critchell who was confined to the bench on Saturday due to flu when the Terras limped home with a 2-1 win over Bedworth Town in similar circumstances, was reinstated in place of Craig Duffy.

A Darren Jeffries shot well dealt with by Simon Evans on the quarter hour was the nearest either side came to scoring before Reed put Weymouth ahead with a peach of a shot.

Smith tracking his way across the pitch appeared to have over run the ball which rolled into the path of the overlapping Reed wide left who thundered a left foot shot across Robins keeper Darren Chitty into the far corner from 25 yards.

This gave Weymouth impetus and both Smith and Critchell went close before the break, and they went further ahead on 54 minutes when Josh Bingham accidentally slipped as he went to challenge Mark Ford as he motored into the left corner of the penalty area.

His momentum resulted in him clipping the striker's right foot with his arms as he fell, and referee Gary Parsons had no option but to award a spot-kick from which Smith sent Chitty the wrong way.

Smith then had his shot cleared off the line by Tom Evans as Weymouth looked to be coasting home.

But on 69 minutes the Robins pulled one back when Ricky Hulbert changed direction and neatly lifted the ball over the home defence for Jeffries to fire past Evans from close range.

Frome could have squared the match soon after when Evans was beaten to the ball by Dave Thompson, but his header looped beyond the post, and Jamie Skinner missed a good chance.

However Weymouth hung on to keep them in touch of the play-offs.

Palmer off as Terras downed

CAMBRIDGE CITY 2 WEYMOUTH 0
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WEYMOUTH returned empty handed from the Fenlands after Cambridge City revived their play-off chances following just one win in their last four prior to Saturday's encounter, scoring a goal in each half.

Weymouth had their chances but for once their strikers were off target and to add to their worries had Ed Palmer sent-off for two yellow card offences.

They went behind in the fifth minute when Adam Marriott turned Ashley Wells inside out on the left wing. His low cross bounced just in front of 'keeper Simon Evans who could only parry the ball to the inrushing David Prada who shot home from close angle.

Ben Joyce had a great chance to equalise when Dave Theobald missed Wells' through ball allowing the striker a free run at goal.

However the striker used his left foot and screwed the ball wide when his right foot would have maybe been the better option.

At the other end Tom Pepper fired across the face of the goal before Liam Hurst after more trickery down the opposite wing crossed to the unmarked Theobald who could only volley tamely into Evans' midriff from six yards.

Weymouth had a strong claim for a penalty when the ball came off Nightingale's foot and up on to his arm as he tried to clear, but the referee ignored the Terras claims. Palmer then received his first yellow card on the cusp of the interval for a mistimed tackle.

Ieuan Lewis almost doubled the hosts lead soon after the break when he was allowed to run from his own half unchallenged before striking the top of the crossbar from 20 yards.

Palmer received a second yellow just after the hour for a hefty challenge on Marriott which made the Terras task even harder, and almost immediately it took a fine last ditch tackle from Wells to deflect Marriott's shot over the bar.

Evans was then forced into a brilliant point blank save from Craig Hammond.

Ten minutes from time Nightingale made sure of the points for Cambridge when he converted from the penalty spot after Sam Poole had fouled.

This was a blow to the Terras who had hoped to at least maintain league position parity with their hosts, but drop a spot to eighth.

WEYMOUTH RUGBY

Weymouth just edged out

WOOTTON BASSETT 24 WEYMOUTH 8

THIS was a much improved performance by Weymouth who have not played well since the turn of the year, and despite missing seven key players were in the game until the last minute when the hosts secured the points with a converted try.

The Seasideers went 12-0 down within the first ten minutes, but recovered their composure to score an unconverted try through scrum-half Craig Barter, before Mick Sheppard converted a penalty. Wootton scored again before the break to make it 17-8 at half-time.

The second-half was end-to-end stuff with both sides creating a number of chances, and it was not until the last minute that Wootton broke away to ensure victory.

Barter playing his first game following an injury in the Dorset & Wilts Cup Final, and forward Gary Hamblin were the pick for Weymouth.

Head coach Paul Harding said: "It was a real end to end game with both sides creating a number of chances, but in the end I think they were a little more clinical than us."

"This was a much improved performance on recent weeks, we were in with a chance almost until the final whistle."

Dorchester complete the double

WEYMOUTH 2ND 0 DORCHESTER 2ND 34

DORCHESTER completed a comfortable league double over their local rivals.

Weymouth were clearly out to avenge the 43-0 defeat they suffered earlier in the season, and whilst they started and finished strongly they were undone by a very strong Dorchester side.

The visitors got on the scoresheet as early as the 2nd minute when they took a strike against the head on the edge of their 22 following a Weymouth put in at a scrum. Attacking down the blind side, it was 2nd row Lee King that got the first touch-down which went unconverted.

Back came Weymouth who camped in Dorchester's 22 and were a constant threat but the home side couldn't find their way through a resolute defence. Eventually Dorchester conceded a penalty which Weymouth opted to kick, but ultimately it fell short.

The rest of the first period really belonged to Dorchester who exposed Weymouth's defence with some good attacking rugby. Dan Cree was next on the scoresheet when he neatly stepped his opposite number to go in under the posts; he added the extras.

Whilst Weymouth did have the odd excursion into Dorchester's 22 the danger was always cleared. From a Weymouth line-out on the half way line debutant Ed Grassby stole the ball and from the subsequent ruck scrum-half Harry Smith touched down from 45m out, Cree added the conversion to extend the lead to 22-0.

The bonus point was wrapped up shortly before the break when Toby Waddington ran a clever line to carve open the defence to make the half-time score 27-0.

Weymouth made some very good tactical changes for the break and stopped kicking away their possession and kept the ball tight and made excellent ground. Had they played like this in the first half the outcome may have been a lot different.

With their back row and midfield constantly getting over the gain line it allowed them to be camped on Dorchester's 5 metre line for a sustained period of pressure.

However the visitors defence was more than up to the task and it was amazing that they didn't concede a penalty, in fact it was Weymouth who finally infringed for holding on.

Minutes later Ali Vivian crashed over for the only score of the half, which Cree converted.

This was a terrific team performance from a Dorchester's 2nd team that contained 15 players who are a product of the clubs youth section, six of whom are currently playing Under 18s rugby. The Weymouth side also contained three colts players, Ben Waller, Charlie Parkinson and Matt Dobson. Highwood Man of the Match: Joe Underhill

Burns beats the weather



■ **WINNING COMBINATION:** The winning Burns Team, from left - Andy Chambers, Alex Hayne, Kevin Grimshaw.

THE poor weather and a very wet course has caused many matches at Weymouth Golf Club to be abandoned over the last few weeks.

However, one or two did manage to be played and the Burns Team of Three competition was a close run affair with only one point separating the top three teams.

The winning trio were Andy Chambers, Alex Hayne and Kevin Grimshaw, carding 78 points. John Bishop, Jamie Herring and Steve Whyte pipped Simon Etherington, Neil Winspear and

Jason Pring on countback with 77 points. Sam Houston produced some of the best shots of the weekend with three 2s on his card.

The Ladies' Mail on Sunday team played at Bridport on one of the few sunny days of the year and won their match 1½ to 1½.

Due to the inclement weather the deadline for playing the first round has been extended to February 17th, so the team await with interest to see who their opponents will be in Round 2.

First schools tag rugby a success

WEYMOUTH Rugby Club held its first inter school tag rugby friendly match of the year between Holy Trinity and St Augustine at Monmouth Avenue.

This took the form of three games that ended 2-1, 2-2, 5-1 in favour of Holy Trinity. The first game saw both teams holding a solid defence with Holy Trinity scoring a try on the blow of half time to take the lead.

St Augustine came out strongly at the start of the second-half and some quick passing soon saw them at the Holy Trinity try line to level the scores.

The two evenly matched teams played hard with some delightful rugby that eventually lead to a Holy Trinity scoring the winning try.

The second game once again saw Holy Trinity take the lead in the first-half with some amazing long passes that landed to players in open space to go on and score a well deserved try.

The second-half saw St Augustine play some great ball handling skills and a fantastic try using blistering pace from one end of the pitch to the other.

Further try's from both teams lead to a 2-

2 final score in a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining game.

In the final game Holy Trinity managed to penetrate the St Augustine defence on a number of occasions.

Great side steps and crossovers from Holy Trinity lead to tries, whilst St Augustine made fantastic efforts in trying to hold their solid defence.

The afternoon's rugby portrayed great teamwork and sportsmanship between both sets of teams, and a very enjoyable afternoon of rugby for the children and spectators.

encourage children

Weymouth Rugby Club has further fixtures planned for local schools leading into the spring and summer at Monmouth Avenue as part of their commitment to help promote rugby in schools, and to encourage children to come and play and train at Weymouth Rugby Club on Sunday mornings.

Schools wishing to participate in the friendly mini fixtures should contact Mike Murphy (schools@weymouthrfc.org.uk) telephone: 07738 183041.



■ **CATCH ME IF YOU CAN:** Tag rugby action between Holy Trinity and St Augustines.
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INSIDE: Magpies recent match reports

Watson injury blow to new partnership

AFTER the success of the new partnership formed between Ben Watson and new signing Kieffer Moore at Bath City last week, manager Phil Simkin was looking forward to them continuing their liaison at Basingstoke last Saturday.

It appeared to be working with both providing each other with opportunities early on; Watson squandering a glorious opportunity to put the Magpies ahead; but unfortunately a calf strain to the former Exeter striker just before the break has put a temporary halt on proceedings with Watson having to be replaced at half-time.

Ashley Nicholls who had missed the Bath game through a foot injury replaced Watson in a five man midfield leaving Moore to work alone up front.

Having gone a goal down early after the restart, Simkin eventually switched Charlie Clough up front to support the ex-Truro City player to try and grab the equaliser.

But Basingstoke struck again with

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seven minutes left as Dorchester poured forward, and although Moore did score his first goal for the club a minute before time, the post stopped Neil Martin grabbing an added time equaliser.

The full extent of Watson's injury is not yet known, but he missed the Magpies' trip to Truro City on Tuesday where Clough deputised up front.

But it is a worrying time for the county town boss who once again bemoaned the limited resources and the need to play so many games in a short period due to the weather.

"We don't know how long he's going to be out. It's a calf strain that's happened through overuse.

"People have to remember players aren't machines and to be without Watto is a massive blow for us because he's been such a great player

for us this season.

"Up front he's been absolutely top notch. He's a big part of the way we play, but there is no point in rushing him back because it's only going to happen again; the same as Nick Crittenden who pulled out in the warm up at Bath when he felt it.

"He knew if he played it would mean six weeks out, so we have to go with what we've got."

Reflecting on Saturday's defeat he said: "I felt we might have won on Saturday or at least got a point particularly in how well we played as a team against Salisbury and Bath City, and the great start Watto and Kieffer made; they are a great pairing."

"We should have been ahead at half-time. Watto's missed a header in front of goal and they didn't really look like they were going to score.

Simkin was critical of his half-time substitution saying: "We reshuffled at the break, and I probably didn't make the right decision, then they got a

lucky break in the box and scored which meant we had to chase it.

"I reshuffled again pushing Cloughie up top, but they grabbed another one but we pulled one back immediately and almost on the whistle Neil Martin's hit a tremendous shot which has hit the post and come back."

The good news for Simkin is that both Nicholls and skipper Mark Jermyn who came on for the last 20 minutes at The Camrose after missing two games through injury came through the game without any reaction.

With Nathan Walker now fit having had his stitches removed on Monday from the head wound he suffered setting up the winning goal against Salisbury, and Crittenden about a week away from fitness, it balances Watson's loss up, although the Magpies boss will be anxious to see the new striking partnership back in harness as soon as possible.



■ **MATCH** action from Dorchester 2nds (green shirt) convincing 34-0 win at neighbours Weymouth 2nds, see match report inside on page 38.
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